## The County of Centre

## PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, the bicycle is a viable and environmentally sound means of transportation and excellent form of recreation; and

WHEREAS, millions of Americans will experience the joys of bicycling during the month of May through educational programs, races, community events, bike commuting, or just getting out and going for a ride; and

WHEREAS, with increased interest in healthy, sustainable and economic transportation options, it's not surprising that, from 2000 to 2013, the number of bicycle commuters in the US grew by more than 62 percent; and

WHEREAS, creating bicycle-friendly communities has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life, to boost community spirit, to improve traffic safety, and to reduce pollution and congestion; and

WHEREAS, the education of bicyclists and motorists as to the proper and safe operation of bicycles is important to ensure the safety and comfort of all users; and

WHEREAS, May has been declared National Bike Month for each of the last 60 years, and is so again in 2016;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim May 2016 as "National Bike Month" in Centre County and "National Bike to Work Day" will be held Friday, May 20, 2016.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** Centre County Government urges all who support bicycling to participate in the events planned and urges all road users to share the road safely with bicyclists.

ADOPTED this 10th day of May, 2016

CENTRE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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